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1. ARTICLE ON NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN GOVERNMENT DAILY XIDDIGTA OKTOBAR AUGUST 26 ATTACKS "REACTIONARY FORCES" WITHIN NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT WHICH SEEK TO KEEP DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TIED TO ECONOMY AND CULTURE OF "COLONIALISTS." SOME "REACTION-ARIES" (READ ETHIOPIA) EVEN GRANT COLONIALISTS MILITARY BASES IN THEIR TERRITORY. TRUE NON-ALIGNMENT MEANS SUPPORT FOR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND FRIENDSHIP WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WHICH "SUPPORT AFRICAN, ASIAN AND LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WITH A CLEAN HEART."

2. SOME SPECULATION HERE THAT SOMALIS MAY SEEK SOME WAY TO GAIN SUPPORT AT CONFERENCE IN THEIR DISPUTE WITH ETHIOPIA. YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR STATES THAT WHILE SOMALIS AND ETHIOPIANS AGREED AT OAU SMUUIT NOT TO RAISE THEIR DISPUTE IN NON-OAU FORUMS, SOMALIS MIGHT LOOK FOR SOME ISSUE TO EMBARRASS
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ETHIOPIANS, SUCH AS "FOREIGN BASES." ANTI-ETHIOPIAN EDITORIAL

IN NON-OFFICIAL WEEKLY HORSEID AUGUST 24 ASKED WHETHER ETHIOPIA INTENDED TO DISMANTLE "ZIONIST AND IMPERIALIST BASES" ON ITS "AND ERITREAN" TERRITORY.

3. SIAD'S ANNOUNCEMENT DURING MID-AUGUST VISIT OF ALGERIAN SPECIAL ENVOY MAULID QASIM THAT HE WOULD ATTEND ALGIERS CONFERENCE WAS SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL SINCE HIS TRAVEL PLANS ARE SELDOM PUBLISHED UNTIL EVE OF DEPARTURE. YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR SAYS HE HAS BEEN TRYING TO LEARN COMPOSITION OF REMAINDER OF DELEGATION WITHOUT SUCCESS.

4. COMMENT: IT IS DIFFICULT TO PREDICT HOW ACTIVE A ROLE SIAD INTENDS TO PLAY AT ALGIERS CONFERENCE. THERE IS LITTLE EVIDENCE OF THE TYPE OF INTENSIVE SOMALI DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY WHICH PRECEDED OAU SUMMIT. WE SUSPECT SIAD WILL BE RELUCTANT TO RISK ANTAGONIZING GOWON AND OTHER OAU LEADERS CURRENTLY SEIZED WITH SOMALI-ETHIOPIAN DISPUTE. CROMWELL

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